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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH LAUTENSCHLAGER, CHIEF OF THE TRADE DIVISION OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, ON AUGUST 3, LAUTENSCHLAGER REFERRED TO SOME CONFUSION IN GERMAN MINDS CONCERNING OUR INTENTIONS REGARDING POST-CIEC INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF NORTH/SOUTH DIALOGUE ON ENERGY. HE RECALLED THAT WE WERE OPPOSED TO PEREZ-GUERRERO PROPOSALS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF A CIEC-LIKE FORUM. THE GERMANS WERE, HOWEVER, NOW HEARING FROM OTHER SOURCES THAT WE WERE INDEED INTERESTED IN SOME KIND OF SMALLER GROUP OUTSIDE EXISTING FRAMEWORKS FOR SUCH A CONTINUING DIALOGUE.

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2. ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL MINISTER ASKED LAUTENSCHLAGER WHETHER THERE WERE ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE IDEA OF SOME SUCH BODY.. HE RESPONDED THAT THERE WERE NO REAL PROBLEMS BUT THAT THE GERMANS ONLY WANTED SOME KIND OF UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT WE HAD IN MIND. LATER, DURING SEPARATE CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 4, LAUTENSCHLAGER'S DEPUTY, MATTHIAS RETURNED TO THIS

SUBJECT SAYING THAT IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT FOR THE GERMAN BODY POLITIC TO ADJUST TO OUR POSITION UNLESS THEY HAD A TIMELY AND FAIRLY CLEAR IDEA OF WHAT OUR POSITION WAS. HE POINTED OUT THAT GETTING THE FONMIN, ECONMIN, FINMIN PLUS THE CHANCELLORY MARCHING IN THE SAME DIRECTION WAS OFTEN DIFFICULT AND TOOK A LITTLE TIME. MATTHIAS SAID FRG WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO VISIT LATER IN MONTH OF EB DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MEISSNER SINCE HE WAS GOING TO TDB MEETING (HE SAID NORMALLY AMBASSADOR JAENICKE WOULD HANDLE UNCTAD MEETINGS BUT THAT ON NEXT OCCASION JAENICKE WOULD BE IN ARGENTINA AND THIS TIME MATTHIAS WOULD BE IN GENEVA).

3. WE GATHERED FROM BOTH CONVERSATIONS THAT THE FRG IS MOST ANXIOUS TO WALK IN STEP WITH US ON THESE ISSUES AND IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THEY ARE SEEKING CLEAR SIGNAL OF OUR INTENTIONS. WE ARE PUZZLED OVER CONFUSION EXPRESSED SINCE RECORD OF COOPER/HISS CONVERSATION ON JULY 14 AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S REMARKS IN BONN WERE ENTIRELY CONSISTENT.
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